

Mineral Industry Surveys

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MANGANESE IN MAY 2005

On a gross-weight basis, reported consumption of manganese ore containing 35% or more manganese, exclusive of that consumed at iron and steel plants, was 34,000 metric tons (t) in May 2005, which was a 1% increase from that of April 2005, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. This figure increases to 36,400 t when estimates for annual respondents are added on the basis of 2004 data. Corresponding industry stocks of ore at the end of the month were 154,000 t, which includes an estimate for annual respondents on the basis of 2004 data. (Data for the most recent 13 months are plotted in the graph on page 2.)

Foreign trade data for May will appear in a subsequent report. The following comparisons of trade data were made on the basis of manganese content. The data for April 2005 tabulated in this report indicate that the total exports of 3,130 t were more than double those of the prior month, owing to an increase in manganese ore exports. Manganese imports were 78,300 t, which was an increase of 22% compared with those of March. The increase in manganese imports was based on increases in ferromanganese and manganese metal and ore imports.

Ferroalloy Prices, manganese content

	High-carbon ferromanganese ¹ (dollars per gross ton)	Medium-carbon ferromanganese ¹ (cents per pound)	Silicomanganese ¹ (cents per pound)	Manganese metal ² (cents per pound)
May 5	610.00-650.00	67.00-68.00	32.00-34.00	94.00-98.00
May 12	580.00-600.00	65.00-66.00	32.00-34.00	94.00-98.00
May 19	560.00-590.00	65.00-66.00	32.00-34.00	94.00-98.00
May 26	560.00-590.00	60.00-63.00	31.75-33.00	94.00-98.00

Ore Prices, dollars per metric ton unit, manganese content³

	44% Manganese Ore ²	48% Manganese Ore ²
May 5	3.00-3.20	3.80-4.00
May 12	2.90-3.10	3.60-4.00
May 19	2.90-3.10	3.60-3.90
May 26	2.90-3.10	3.60-3.90

¹Source: Platts Metals Week, dealer import price.

²Source: Ryan's Notes, North American transaction price.

³To determine dollars per metric ton multiply the manganese content percentage by the price.

TABLE 1
SELECTED U.S. FOREIGN TRADE IN MANGANESE¹

(Metric tons, manganese content)²

	Imports for consumption			Exports		
	Ore and dioxide	Ferroalloy and metal	Total	Ore	Ferroalloy and metal	Total
2004:						
April	3,720	57,300	61,000	733	1,300	2,030
January-April	72,200	157,000	229,000	15,800	3,400	19,100
2005:						
January	7,650	45,000	52,600	162	955	1,120
February	40,700	29,000	69,700	111	1,170	1,280
March	22,300	42,000	64,300	206	1,160	1,360
April	38,400	39,900	78,300	2,350	778	3,130
Total	109,000	156,000	265,000	2,830	4,060	6,890

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²As reported except as estimated for imports of manganese dioxide and manganese waste and scrap and for exports from gross weights.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

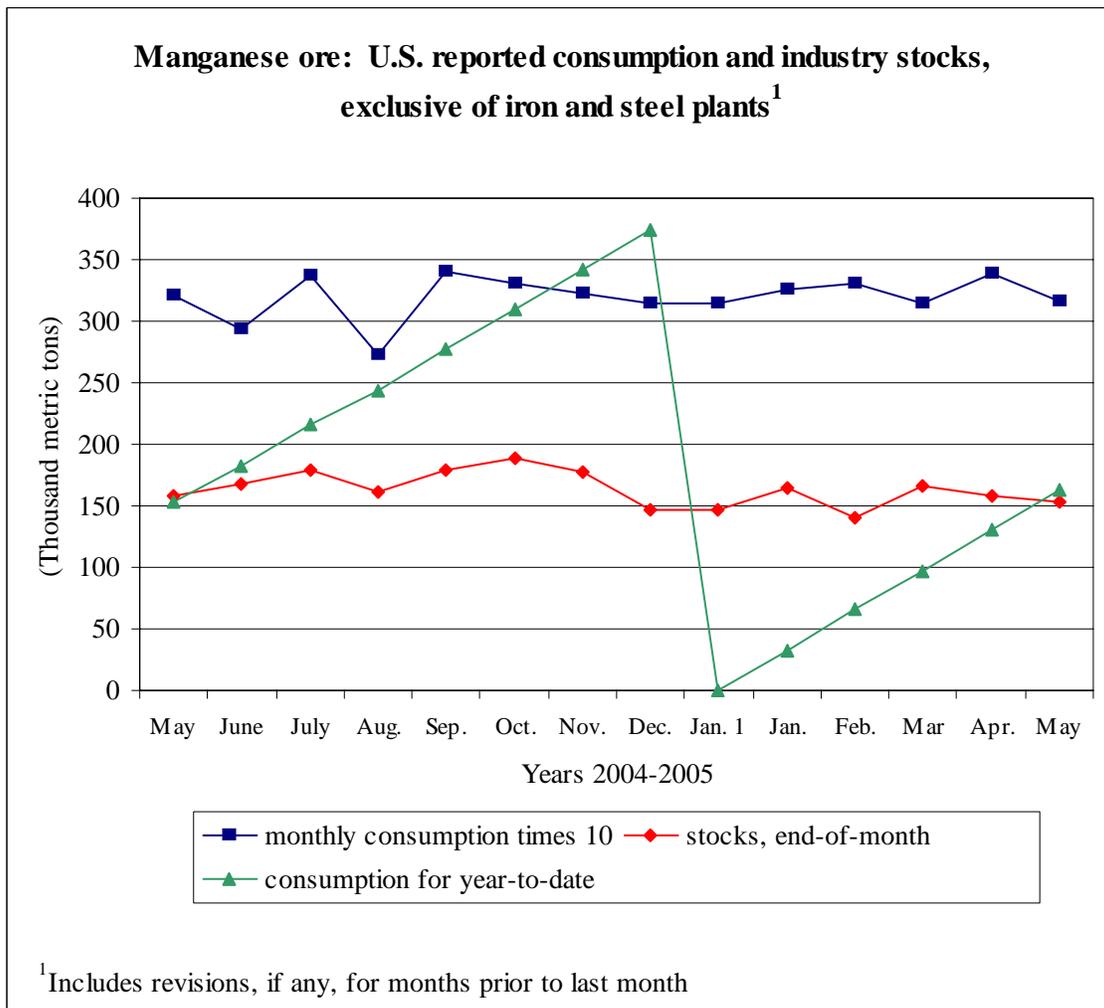


TABLE 2
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF SILICOMANGANESE IN APRIL 2005¹

(Metric tons)

Source	Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ²	Year to date		
				Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ²
Australia	3,510	2,310	\$1,760,000	12,200	8,140	\$8,450,000
Kazakhstan	--	--	--	20	13	17,500
Korea, Republic of	--	--	--	216	156	305,000
Mexico	1,200	782	999,000	4,900	3,290	4,010,000
Norway	6,000	3,800	6,080,000	21,300	13,500	21,300,000
Romania	14,900	10,500	11,300,000	23,200	16,300	18,200,000
Russia	--	--	--	11,400	7,750	9,250,000
South Africa	6,410	4,220	4,050,000	37,400	24,800	26,100,000
Total	32,100	21,600	24,200,000	111,000	73,900	87,600,000
Total, general imports	32,100	21,600	24,200,000	111,000	73,900	87,600,000

-- Zero.

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²Customs value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the material into the United States.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 3
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF FERROMANGANESE IN APRIL 2005¹

(Metric tons)

Source	Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ²	Year to date		
				Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ²
Low carbon:						
China	1,560	1,340	\$2,530,000	7,140	6,090	\$12,000,000
Mexico	400	316	453,000	1,260	1,010	1,480,000
Netherlands	--	--	--	17	14	29,800
Norway	--	--	--	221	181	369,000
South Africa	299	278	563,000	878	814	1,670,000
Spain	--	--	--	36	28	41,800
Total, low carbon	2,260	1,940	3,540,000	9,550	8,130	15,600,000
Total, general imports of low carbon	2,260	1,940	3,540,000	9,550	8,130	15,600,000
Medium carbon, 1%-2% C:						
China	--	--	--	1,850	1,450	2,600,000
Mexico	1,610	1,280	1,830,000	5,890	4,570	6,560,000
Norway	--	--	--	1,810	1,480	2,610,000
South Africa	5,190	4,190	5,430,000	12,500	10,100	15,500,000
Total, m.c., 1%-2% C	6,790	5,470	7,260,000	22,000	17,600	27,300,000
Total, general imports of m.c., 1%-2% C	6,790	5,470	7,260,000	22,000	17,600	27,300,000
High carbon:						
Australia	--	--	--	1,000	774	897,000
Brazil	--	--	--	6,210	5,020	5,630,000
Canada	--	--	--	18	13	17,000
China	--	--	--	5,500	4,200	3,850,000
France	--	--	--	2,600	2,030	2,000,000
Hong Kong	--	--	--	300	228	213,000
Mexico	--	--	--	763	596	705,000
South Africa	9,700	7,540	5,340,000	41,000	31,900	29,800,000
Total, high carbon	9,700	7,540	5,340,000	57,400	44,700	43,100,000
Total, general imports of high carbon	9,700	7,540	5,340,000	57,400	44,700	43,100,000
Grand total	18,800	14,900	16,100,000	89,000	70,500	85,900,000
Grand total, general imports	18,800	14,900	16,100,000	89,000	70,500	85,900,000

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 4
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MANGANESE ORE (20% OR MORE Mn) IN APRIL 2005^{1,2}

(Metric tons)

Source	Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ³	Year to date		
				Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ³
More than 20%, but less than 47% manganese:						
China	--	--	--	30	12	\$11,600
Mexico	2,960	1,090	\$355,000	5,870	3,240	675,000
Namibia	--	--	--	26,000	10,400	1,950,000
Total	2,960	1,090	355,000	31,900	13,700	2,640,000
47% or more manganese:						
Australia	--	--	--	22,500	11,800	2,810,000
Belgium	19	10	11,300	38	23	26,800
Brazil	1,700	1,470	740,000	8,630	4,940	1,160,000
China	312	156	18,700	8,540	4,270	714,000
France	--	--	--	60	56 ⁴	6,670
Gabon	41,000	21,500	4,240,000	108,000	55,000	8,260,000
Ghana	--	--	--	72	50	4,320
India	--	--	--	6	3	4,230
South Africa	27,300	13,300	2,530,000	27,300	13,300	2,530,000
Total	70,300	36,500	7,550,000	175,000	89,500	15,500,000
Grand total	73,300	37,600	7,900,000	207,000	103,000	18,100,000

-- Zero.

¹Quantities for general imports and imports for consumption are identical.

²Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

³Customs value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the material into the United States.

⁴All or part of these data have been referred to the U.S. Census Bureau for verification. Reported content is likely that of MnO₂ rather than Mn.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 5
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MANGANESE DIOXIDE IN APRIL 2005¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Source	Manganese dioxide			
	Quantity	Customs value ²	Year to date	
			Quantity	Customs value ²
Australia	--	--	4,910	\$6,440,000
Belgium	111	\$245,000	148	315,000
Brazil	95	88,800	222	256,000
China	405	413,000	3,140	3,200,000
Germany	2	13,200	34	94,800
Japan	795	1,060,000	1,460	1,960,000
Total	1,410	1,820,000	9,920	12,300,000
Total, general imports	1,410	1,820,000	9,920	12,300,000

-- Zero.

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²Customs value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the material into the United States.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 6
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MANGANESE METAL IN APRIL 2005¹

(Metric tons)

Source	Gross weight	Customs value ²	Year to date	
			Gross weight	Customs value ²
Unwrought flake:				
China	1,490	\$2,270,000	4,410	\$7,010,000
Germany	--	--	7	28,200
South Africa	762	1,350,000	2,190	3,680,000
Total	2,250	3,610,000	6,600	10,700,000
Unwrought powder:				
China	20	41,400	36	70,100
South Africa	370	775,000	1,400	2,660,000
Total	390	816,000	1,430	2,730,000
Unwrought, other:				
China	--	--	100	204,000
Germany	294	594,000	1,010	1,980,000
Spain	206	412,000	1,200	2,590,000
South Africa	100	199,000	677	1,270,000
Total	600	1,210,000	2,990	6,050,000
Other manganese, wrought:				
Austria	--	--	1	53,300
China	84	141,000	163	276,000
France	4	41,800	17	173,000
Germany	--	--	4	42,300
Spain	--	--	37	77,600
United Kingdom	--	--	2	7,070
Total	84	183,000	224	630,000
Grand total	3,330	5,820,000	11,200	20,100,000

-- Zero.

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²Customs value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the material into the United States.

Note: Imports for consumption of metallic manganese waste and scrap totaled 45 tons, all of which was from Canada, to give a year-to-date total of 294 tons.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 7
U.S. EXPORTS OF MANGANESE ORE (20% OR MORE Mn), FERROMANGANESE,
SILICOMANGANESE, AND MANGANESE METAL BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION IN APRIL 2005¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

	Manganese ore		Ferromanganese, 2% or less C		Silicomanganese		Manganese metal ²	
	April	Year to date	April	Year to date	April	Year to date	April	Year to date
Australia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Belgium	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	114
Brazil	--	--	--	--	5	5	--	18
Canada	400	1,060	631	2,950	8	34	18	187
Chile	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
China	4,100	4,310	--	--	--	--	--	--
Colombia	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--
Denmark	--	17	--	--	--	--	--	--
France	--	--	--	--	--	60	--	--
Germany	17	36	--	--	--	--	54	136
Hong Kong	--	--	--	--	--	--	(3)	1
Indonesia	16	16	--	--	11	11	--	(3)
Italy	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2
Japan	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	147
Korea, Republic of	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Mexico	--	11	20	312	3	232	39	134
Netherlands	--	--	--	2	--	20	--	--
New Zealand	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	173	173	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sweden	--	38	--	--	--	--	--	31
Taiwan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	(3)
Total	4,710	5,670	651	3,270	27	362	156	776

-- Zero.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes manganese-aluminum, some other alloys, and waste and scrap.

³Less than 1/2 unit.

Note: Exports of ferromanganese with more than 2% carbon totaled 113 tons, all of which went to Canada, to give a year-to-date total of 585 tons.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 8
U.S. FOREIGN TRADE IN SELECTED MANGANESE CHEMICALS IN APRIL 2005, BY CLASS¹

Class	Gross weight (metric tons)	Value ² (thousands)	Principal sources and destinations: gross weight (metric tons); value ² (thousands)	Year to date		
				Gross weight (metric tons)	Value ² (thousands)	Principal sources and destinations: gross weight (metric tons); value ² (thousands)
Imports for consumption:						
Manganese oxides other than dioxide	244	\$281	Mexico 112; \$45	2,130	\$1,050	Mexico 845; \$330
Manganites, manganates, and other permanganates	38	123	Germany 38; \$123	38	123	Germany 38; \$123
Potassium permanganate	75	150	Czech Republic 42; \$84	337	689	Czech Republic 203; \$407
Sodium permanganate ³	16	56	Germany 16; \$56	16	56	Germany 16; \$56
Sulfates, basket category, including manganese sulfate	1,130	1,170	Mexico 596; \$415	15,400	9,140	Mexico 8,160; \$4,220
Exports:						
Manganese dioxide	537	454	Canada 391; \$189	1,650	1,310	Canada 1,110; \$521
Manganese oxides other than dioxide	496	605	Canada 208; \$99	3,150	2,350	Canada 2,020; \$800
Manganites, manganates, and other permanganates	1	16	Canada 1; \$16	25	74	Japan 15; \$37
Potassium permanganate	276	497	Spain 72; \$120	1,450	2,160	Spain 624; \$1,000
Sodium permanganate ³	10	26	Japan 10; \$26	93	303	Japan 79; \$247
Sulfates, basket category, including manganese sulfate	1,580	1,320	Canada 1,270; \$601	7,620	5,260	Canada 6,280; \$2,780

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²For imports, Customs value; for exports, free alongside ship value.

³In December 2004, the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule was changed for manganites, manganates, and permanganates to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement. Starting in 2005, sodium permanganate is tracked separately from the "manganites, manganates, and other permanganates" trade category.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.